

REMARKS

The indication of claim 2 is allowable is acknowledged and appreciated. Solely in order to expedite prosecution, claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of claim 1, and claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice/disclaimer so as to render the rejection thereagainst moot. It is respectfully submitted that because no new matter or consideration are introduced, this amendment should be entered.

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant retains a right to rejoin withdrawn claims 3-18 since these claims depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of now allowable claim 2 (see, M.P.E.P. 821.04), and request rejoinder of claims 3-18 at this time.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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